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FOLLOWING IS OUR ESTIMATE OF THE PRESS QUESTIONS MOST LIKELY TO COME UP DURING ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE AND AT ENCOUNTERS WITH REPORTERS AT AIRPORTS AND DURING CALLS:

## 1. GENERAL POLITICAL

- --WHY HAS THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY COME TO BRAZIL? DOES HE HAVE A SPECIFIC MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON FOR THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT OR HAS HE COME TO NEGOTIATE ON SPECIFIC ISSUES SUCH AS THE NUCLEAR ISSUE?
- --WHEN WILL SECRETARY VANCE VISIT HERE? HAS MR. TODMAN COME TO PREPARE FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT OR SET A DATE FOR IT?
- --WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP OF MR. TODMAN'S VISIT TO THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS UNDER THE MOU? DOES MR. TODMAN PLAN TO DISCUSS THE RESUMPTION OF REGULAR CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE MOU? OR IS THE MOU A DEAD LETTER?
  --DOES THE FACT THAT THE US HAS SHOWN SO LITTLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTEREST IN CONTINUING THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS INDICATE THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION HAS SHIFTED ITS PRIORITY FOR SPECIAL CONCERN IN LATIN AMERICA FROM BRAZIL TO MEXICO, SINCE WE NOTE THAT THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT WAS THE FIRST CHIEF OF STATE TO VISIT PRESIDENT CARTER.

--NOW THAT THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION IS WELL

ESTABLISHED, WILL IT BE SENDING A NEW AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL?

--DOES THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY CARE TO COMMENT ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS ADOPTED BY PRESIDENT GEISEL IN APRIL? DOES HE CONSIDER THESE REFORMS ANTI-DEMOCRATIC? IF SO, WILL THEY MAKE US RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL MORE DIFFICULT?

--DID PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO GENERAL
GEISEL, WHICH WAS DELIVERED MARCH 29 ON THE EVE OF THE
REFORMS, MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO UNDO THE DAMAGE TO
US-BRAZIL RELATIONS CAUSED BY THE RELEASE OF
THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT? WAS THE LETTER IN FACT AN
APOLOGY TO PRESIDENT GEISEL FOR THE US HANDLING OF THE
HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AS IS OFTEN RUMORED HERE?
--WHY DID PRESIDENT CARTER CHOOSE TO SEND PRESIDENT
GEISEL A LETTER, WHICH WAS APPARENTLY INTENDED TO
REAFFIRM A CLOSE PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIP,
AT A TIME WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS PREPARING TO CLOSE
THE CONGRESS AND ADOPT ANTI-DEMOCRATIC REFORMS? HOW
CAN SUCH AN ACTION BE SEEN AS CONSISTENT WITH THE
ADMINISTRATION'S EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC
FREEDOMS?

--IN THE SAME VEIN, WILL MRS. CARTER BE COMING
TO BRAZIL? IF SO, WHY IS SHE COMING TO BRAZIL AT THIS
TIME? WHAT ARE THE SUBJECTS SHE WILL DISCUSS WITH
BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS? DOES HER VISIT AT THIS TIME
SIGNIFY THAT THE US HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE ANTI-DEMOCRATIC
REFORMS ADOPTED IN APRIL?
--HOW POPULAR IS PRESIDENT CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICY IN

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THE US? HAS THE ADVERSE REACTION IN BRAZIL AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO HIS HUMAN RIGHTS POSITION IMPAIRED HIS POPULARITY?

--IN VIEW OF BRAZIL'S REJECTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND ITS ABROGATION OF THE 1952 MUTUAL SECURITY AGREEMENT, WILL THE US MAINTAIN ITS MILITARY MISSION IN BRAZIL? IF SO, FOR WHAT PURPOSE AND HOW WILL IT JUSTIFY ITS EXISTENCE TO CONGRESS? WILL THE MISSION BE KEPT BUT REDUCED IN SIZE?

--WHAT IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MILITARY ADVISORY GROUPS AND YOUR CHOICE OF BOLIVIA, ARGENTINA, COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL (ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN NAMED TO HAVE THEIR MAAG'S ELIMINATED) FOR YOUR FIRST VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA?

### 2. HUMAN RIGHTS

-- IF THE (PROPOSED) HARKINS-BADILLO AMENDMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IS ENACTED INTO

LAW, HOW WILL THE US DEAL WITH BRAZILIAN APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS FROM IFI'S?

--IS THERE CONCERN IN THE US THAT THE RENUNCIATION BY

SUCH COUNTRIES AS BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA OF SECURITY

ASSISTANCE WILL ULTIMATELY WEAKEN US SECURITY INTERESTS

IN THE SOUTHERN CONE AND THE SOUTH ATLANTIC? IS THE

US SEEKING WAYS TO CONTINUE SOME FROM OF SECURITY

ASSISTANCE TO THOSE COUNTRIES IN SPITE OF THE RENUNCIATION?

--IS IT TRUE THAT US MILITARY STRATEGISTS ARE

DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE EFFECTS OF THESE US POLICIES ON

US MILITARY LINKS TO BRAZIL AND OTHER YUVJOPQULDIES?

--IS THE US CONSIDERING MEANS OF RESISTING THE FLOW

OF INVESTMENT OR LOANS BY PRIVATE FIRMS OR BANKS TO

COUNTRIES WHOSE HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE IS "SUBSTANDARD"?

-- RECENT STATEMENTS BY YOU AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS

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SOFTER, LESS DOCTRINAIRE, LINE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, IS
THIS CORRECT? IS THIS A RESULT OF THE STRONG
RESISTANCE BY BRAZIL AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES?
HOW HAS THE US POSITION EVOLVED AND WHERE DO HUMAN RIGHTS
FIT AMONG US INTERNATIONAL PRIORITIES NOW?
--DO YO SHARE AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S BELIEF AS STATED IN
HIS ADDRESS TO ECLA, MAY 4, THAT SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARE INEXTRICABLE? IF SO, HOW
SPECIFICALLY WILL THIS BE DEMONSTRATED IN USG ECONOMIC
POLICIES AFFECTING LATIN AMERICA?
--HOW WOULD YOU CONTRAST FREEDOM OF THE NEWS MEDIA IN
YOUR COUNTRY WITH OUR FREEDOM HERE IN BRAZIL?

3. NUCLEAR

--DOES PRESIDENT CARTER'S MAY 2 STATEMENT TO EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS--"WE ARE NOT GOING TO TRY TO IMPOSE OUR WILL ON OTHER COUNTRIES..."--MEAN THAT THE US IS GIVING UP ON ITS PRESSURES AGAINST THE REPROCESSING AND ENRICHMENT PARTS OF THE BRAZILIAN-GERMAN AGREEMENT? --IF SO, WHAT IS THE PRACTICAL MEANING FOR BRAZIL OF THE PRESIDENT'S AFFIRMATION THAT THE US STILL OBJECTS TO THE AGREEMENT? AND WHY DID CARTER CHANGE HIS MIND--WAS IT BECAUSE OF THE LARGELY NEGATIVE WORLD REACTION TO HIS APRIL 7 STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR POLICY? LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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--WILL THE US COOPERATE WITH BRAZI IN NUCLEAR ENERGY? WILL THE US MAKE GOOD ON THE ANGRA I FUEL CONTRACT? --HOW MUCH HAS THE NUCLEAR ISSUE HURT US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS? WILL THIS ISSUE CONTINUE TO BE THE MAJOR IRRITANT IN OUR RELATIONS? WILL RELATIONS IMPROVE NOW THAT THE US IS NOT GOING TO TRY TO IMPOSE ITS WILL ON THE BRAZILIAN-GERMAN AGREEMENT?

- --DOES CARTER'S NEW NUCLEAR POSITION MEAN THAT THE US HAS ACCEPTED THE INEVITABILITY OF BRAZIL'S RISE TO GREAT POWER STATUS?
- --WEREN'T US CONCERNS ABOUT THE BRAZILIAN-GERMAN AGREEMENT REALLY BASED ON COMMERCIAL MOTIVES? --WHAT IS YOUR VIEW ON THE TLATELOLCO TREATY AND THE PROSPECTS FOR NON-PROLIFERATION IN LATIN AMERICA? --HOW CAN THE US SEEK TO CONTROL HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION WHEN THE SUPERPOWERS CONTINUE THEIR ARMS RACE?
- --DOES THE US WANT BRAZIL TO ADHERE TO THE NPT?
  HASN'T CARTER'S NUCLEAR POLICY UNDERCUT THE NPT? IS THE NPT
  OUTDATED AND INEFFECTIVE? WILL THE US WORK WITH BRAZIL
  TO NEGOTIATE A MODIFIED NPT WHICH BRAZIL CAN ACCEPT?

## 4. COMMERCIAL POLICY

- --DESPITE PRESIDENT CARTER'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS AFFIRM-ING HIS COMMITMENT TO FREE INTERNATIONAL TRADE, MANY BRAZILIAN EXPORTS TO THE US ARE STILL SUBJECT TO A VARIETY OF RESTRICTIVE MEASURES, THUS HELPING TO MAINTAIN THE US SURPLUS IN BILATERAL TRADE. HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS DISCREPANCY?
- --DOES THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION INTEND TO INFUSE ITS TRADE POLICIES WITH THE CONCEPT OF THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS?
- --ALTHOUGH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION DID NOT ACCEPT THE ITC'S RECOMMENDATION TO IMPOSE QUOTAS/TARIFFS ON SHOE IMPORTS, HOW CAN OUR INDUSTRIES BE ASSURED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FUTURE RESTRICTIONS WILL NOT BE IMPOSED ON SHOES OR OTHER PRODUCTS?

--IS THE USG PREPARING INVESTIGATIONS OF OTHER BRAZILIAN EXPORTS TO THE US?

### 5. FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC MATTERS

--DOES THE ADMINISTRATION AGREE WITH ARTHUR BURNS, CHAIR-AN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE, THAT AMERICAN BANKS ARE OVER-EXTENDED IN THEIR LENDING TO NON-OIL EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES? IS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ABOUT TO PLACE A LIMT ON US BANK LENDING ABROAD?
--HOW DOES THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT VIEW THE CURRENT ECONOMIC DEFFICULTIES OF BRAZIL AND THE MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR DEALING WITH THEM?
--DESPITE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN FINANCE FINISTER SIMONSEN AND FORMER SECRETARY OF TREASURY SIMON LAST MAY TO EXPEDITE NEGOTIATIONS ON A BILATERAL TAX TREATY NOTHING SEEMS TO HAVE HAPPENED IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS. WHY IS THAT?

### 6. COMMODITIES

- --WHY DOES THE US NOT SUPPORT THE UNCTAD COMMON FUND PROPOSAL?
- --WHY DOES THE US DIFFER FROM ITS EUROPEAN PARTERS ON COMMODITY STABILIZATION PLANS IN GENERAL AND ON THE COMMON FUND IN PARTICULAR?
- --DO YO SEE PROSPECTS FOR G-8 COMPROMISES IN CIEC

LEADING TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF CIEC?

--HOW CAN THE US CONGRESS (I.E. RICHMOND) TAKE A

POSITION ON COFFEE OPPOSED TO THE OFFICIAL USG

POSITION AS EXPRESSED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ? --WHAT DO YOU THINK OF CHARGES THAT THE BRAZILIANS

ARE MANIPULATING THE COFFEE MARKET? ARE SUCH CHANGES STILL

WIDELY BELIEVED IN THE US AND DO THEY REMAIN A PROBLEM

IN OUR RELATIONS?

--HOW CAN YOU JUSTIFY USG SUPPORT FOR A CONSUMER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COFFEE BOYCOTT (I.E., PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT ON DRINKING TEA)?

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- --WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CHANCES ARE FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT SATISFACTORY TO BOTH EXPORTERS AND CONSUMERS?
- --WHY DOES THE US NOT LIMIT THE USE O ARTIFICIAL SUGAR SUBSTITUTES TO INCREASE THE MARKET FOR NATURAL SUGAR?
- --IS IT LIKELY THAT THE US WILL JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL CACAO ORGANIZATION? WHY OR WHY NOT?
- --WHAT ARE THE PROBABILITIES OF A US SOY EXPORT EMBARGO?
- --WHY DOES THE US CONTINUE TO HAVE BUMPER CROPS OF SOY BEANS WHEN LDCS ARE TRYING TO INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTION IN THIS AREA?
- 7. MINERALS
- --WHY DID US STEEL DROP OUT OF THE CARAJAS IRON ORE PROJECT? WHAT IS THE US GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THIS ISSUE?
- 8. REGIONAL OR HEMISPHERIC QUESTIONS
  --IS THE US SEEKING TO "NORMALIZE" ITS RELATIONS WITH
  CUBA? WILL THIS PROCESS GO FORWARD EVEN THOUGH HUMAN
  RIGHTS PRACTICES IN CUBA ARE SUBSTANDARD AND CUBAN
  TROOPS REMAIN IN ANGOLA?
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--WHAT IS THE US POSITION ON THE POINT AT ISSUE
IN THE BRAZIL-ARGENTINE DISPUTE OVER DEVELOPMENT OF
THE PARANA RIVER? DOES THE US BELIEVE THAT UP-STREAM
STATES PLANNING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THAT AFFECT
INTERNATIONAL RIVERS HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO CONSULT

WITH DOWN-STREAM STATES?

--NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND PANAMA RESUMED ON MAY 9; WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF A SETTLEMENT BEFORE THE END OF THE FIRST CARTER ADMINISTRATION? WHAT ARE THE CHIEF ISSUES BLOCKING A SETTLEMENT? IF NO SETTLEMENT IS REACHED, WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT OF THE IMPASSE ON US RELATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND WITH BRAZIL IN PARTICULAR?

--WHAT IS THE US DOING TO AID IN ACHIEVING SETTLE-MENT OF THE DISPUTE AMONG PERU, BOLIVIA, AND CHILE REGARDING BOLIVIA'S DESIRE FOR AN ACCESS TO THE SEA?
--DOES THE US CONSIDER THE BUILD UP OF SOVIET ARMS IN PERU A THREAT TO REGIONAL SECURITY OR STABILITY?
DOES THE US CONTINUE TO BE UNINTERESTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOUTH ATLANTIC ARRANGEMENT TO PROTECT THE AREA AGAINST SOVIET ENCROACHMENT? WHY HAS THE US NOT SHOWN MORE INTEREST IN SUPPORTING A REGIONAL COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO RESIST SOVIET PENETRATION IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC?

9. ASSISTANT SECRETARY COULD REASONABLY EXPECT
OTHER QUESTIONS RANGING OVER GAMUT OF US FOREIGN RELATIONS
IN AREAS OUTSIDE OF HEMISPHERE. BRAZILIAN PRESS IN
PAST HAS SHOWN SOME INTEREST IN ASKING US OFFICIALS
ABOU US POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST,
WESTERN EUROPE, NATO AND THE SOVIET UNION, AND ON SUCH
FUNCTIONAL ISSUES AS PETROLEUM, LAW OF THE SEA, TERRORISM
AND THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

10. FOR PRESS CONFERENCE, WHICH WE NOW TENTATIVELY PLAN TO HOLD AT EMBASSY IN LATE AFTERNOON, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY PLAN TO RESPOND TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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